

OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN EARL BLUMENAUER
APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM
FISCAL YEAR 2011

Instructions

1. Please complete the entire form. **All fields are required.**
2. Please do not **bold**, underline, or *italicize* responses.
3. Request forms must be submitted as a Word document.
4. All completed request forms and any supplemental materials must be submitted via email to:
Appropriations.Blumenauer@mail.house.gov
5. Please do not send more than one request per email.
6. All completed request forms must be submitted no later than **Friday, February 26, 2010.**
7. If you do not receive an email confirming receipt of your request within 48 hours of submission, please contact Stephanie Cappa in Congressman Blumenauer's Washington, D.C. office at 202-225-4811.

PLEASE NOTE: All appropriations requests submitted to Congressman Blumenauer's office will be made public on his website, as required by the House Committee on Appropriations.

Project Details

1. **Project title:** Combined Arms Virtual Trainers (CAVT)
2. **Organization name and address** (the recipient of the funds):
Oregon National Guard
1776 Militia Way
Salem, OR 97309
3. **Contact information**
 - a. **Project's primary contact:** Brigadier General Mike Caldwell
 - b. **Daytime telephone number/ mobile phone number:** (503)584-3985
 - c. **Email Address:** mike.caldwell@mil.state.or.us
 - d. **Project location** (if different than organization's address): Various
4. **Please describe the requesting organization's main activities.**
The OR National Guard is vital to national defense and homeland security.
5. **Is this organization a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit entity?**
Public
6. **From what federal agency and account are you requesting funds (Please be specific -e.g., Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives account)?**

OPA3 Line 177 - Training Devices, Nonsystem

7. Briefly describe the activity or project for which funding is requested (no more than 500 words).

FY11 funding for the Combined Arms Virtual Trainers (CAVT) operating system is the Army National Guard's #1 priority for networking its virtual trainers. CAVT has been developed as the next "leap ahead" technology that will allow Army National Guard trainers (both fielded and yet-to-be procured) to network together on a Combined Arms virtual battlefield. The CAVT operating system allows soldiers and units to "train as they will fight" – as Combined Arms Teams. The networking capability provided by CAVT will exponentially improve training with all effected battle simulators.

8. What is the purpose of the project? Why is it a valuable use of taxpayer funds? How will the project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in Oregon?

For several years the Army National Guard has been in the midst of acquiring and supplying a family of virtual training devices that allow National Guard soldiers to train war-fighting tasks on numerous virtual battlefields including: Baghdad, Samarra, Tikrit, Kabul, and other mid-eastern and European locations. These trainers are collectively known as the Army National Guard Virtual Infrastructure / Combined Arms Virtual Trainers. Fielding and upgrading trainers continues to be a high priority for all Army National Guard units across the country.

9. Has this project received federal appropriations funding in past fiscal years?

Yes

9a. If yes, please provide the fiscal year, Department, Account, and funding amount of any previous funding.

Congressional Funding History: **FY 2010** - \$5.4 Million, **FY 2009** - \$4 Million, **FY 2008** - \$9.6 Million

Funding Details

10. Amount requested for this project: \$7 Million

11. Breakdown/budget of the amount you are requesting for this project (e.g., salary \$40,000; computer \$3,000):

12.

\$7 Million is needed for the procurement of Combined Arms Virtual Trainers (CAVT) for the Oregon National Guard.

12. What is the total cost of the project? \$7 Million

13. Is this project scalable (i.e., If partial funding is awarded, will the organization still be able to use the funds in FY 2011)? Yes

14. What other funding sources (local, regional, state) are contributing to this project or activity? (Please be specific about funding sources and funding amounts)

None

15. Please list public or private organizations that have supported/endorsed this project.

None

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